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SUBJECT: DIALOGUE ON ENERGY: TRAVEL OF TREASURY REPS

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1. HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT ALI KHALIFA AL-SABAH WILL NOT RPT NOT BE IN KUWAIT BETWEEN OCTOBER 27-31. MOREOVER, KEY MINISTRY FINANCE AND OIL ADVISOR NUR EL-DIN FARRAJ ALSO WILL BE OUT OF TOWN. ALI KHALIFA WILL BE IN VIENNA AND LONDON FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS OR SO AND IS NOT EXPECTED BACK UNTIL NOVEMBER 4TH AT EARLIEST. FARRAJ, WHO WILL TAKE ANNUAL LEAVE FOLLOWING THESE MEETINGS, NOT DUE BACK UNTIL END OF NOVEMBER. VIENNA AND LONDON MEETINGS ARE RESPECTIVELY ON OPEC AND KOC MATTER.

2. FRANKLY, WITHOUT ALI KHALIFA AND FARRAJ HERE, WE DOUBT THAT VISIT HERE OCTOBER 27-31 WOULD BE WORTH TIME OF US TREASURY REPS. WE CONSIDERED SUGGESTING THAT SCHOTTA, MCCULLOUGH AND TOSINI REVISE THEIR ITINERARY TO COME HERE AT END OF TRIP, BUT WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN EXACTLY WHEN ALI KHALIFA WILL RETURN TO KUWAIT. IN ADDITION, IN LIGHT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND UNCERTAINTIES ON OIL PRICE FRONT A VISIT BY TREASURY REPS EARLY

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IN 1975 MIGHT PROVE MORE FRUITFUL. WE SUGGEST, THEREFORE,

THAT SCHOTTA, MCCULLOUGH AND TOSINI POSTPONE THEIR VISIT TO KUWAIT FOR NOW AND THAT WE RECONSIDER SCHEDULING VISIT AFTER FIRST OF THE YEAR.

3. EMBASSY REGRETS ANY INCONVENIENCE CAUSED.
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